

**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
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Lakes Legislative Caucus.

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*Whereas, The challenges facing the Great Lakes can only be met successfully through a well-coordinated and systematic approach. Issues as diverse as aquatic nuisance species, pollution, water levels, water diversions and consumptive uses will be addressed in the coming years by dozens of laws and regulations in each of the Great Lakes states and provinces;*

*Whereas, Legislation impacting the Great Lakes will be far more effective if it is based on information developed and shared by policymakers from the entire Great Lakes region. An organization to bring key Great Lakes lawmakers together regularly to share knowledge and hear other perspectives would be invaluable in improving the impact and uniformity of practices established in statute;*

*Whereas, Regular meetings of legislative leaders from each of the Great Lakes states and provinces will bring many benefits. Regularly exchanging information can bring immediacy to the work of dealing with Great Lakes issues. The current practice of legislative bodies relying primarily on regional forums can be supplemented significantly through a legislative caucus working directly with experts to*

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*develop model legislation. Clearly, there will be a stronger sense of urgency brought to Great Lakes issues by a Great Lakes Legislative Caucus than is sometimes the case now, and;*

*Whereas, Another benefit of a Great Lakes Legislative Caucus will be a more unified and stronger voice on specific issues. This can only help in articulating the unique situation facing the Great Lakes basin, Therefore;*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That we call for the creation of a Great Lakes
- 2           Legislative Caucus. We call on the legislatures of Illinois, Michigan,
- 3           Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin and the
- 4           legislative bodies of Ontario, and Quebec to join us in developing this
- 5           vehicle to address the many Great Lakes issues that cross jurisdictional
- 6           boundaries.
- 7           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 8           Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the leadership
- 9           of the legislative bodies of the Great Lakes states and provinces, the
- 10          Great Lakes Commission, the International Joint Commission, the
- 11          National Conference of State Legislatures, and the members of the
- 12          congressional delegations from the Great Lakes states.

